

**Topeka Town Council**  
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana  
**General Meeting Minutes June 8, 2026 4:00pm**  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Call to order by President, Adam Lambright

**Roll Call**

Present: Council Member, Adam Lambright, Ray Folk, Marlynn Mast, Steve Schrock, Justin Geigley, Lea Parks Clerk-Treasurer

**Others in Attendance:** Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Stewart Bender Town Manager, Stan Strater Jr, Cyndi Sadewasser Deputy Clerk, Reagan Penick, Quinn Gropp, Jim Raber, John Troyer, Harold Gingerich, Mark Webster, Ibraheem Hussein, Ryan Chasey Club 720

**Approval of Agenda as Presented with flexibility**

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes

**Minutes from previous meeting of May 26, 2026, for Common Council Meeting**

Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes

**Minutes from Town Staff Meeting of June 4, 2026**

Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstain: Ray Folk

**Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer**

- Claims - Approve Payment  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
  
- 218 N Harrison St - Pool Fill Forgiveness Fee - \$30.99  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes
  
- Amending Salary Ordinance 2026-6-8 - Kevin Wright Completed the Alliance Program for the 4<sup>th</sup> and final pay increase through the program \$27.01  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes
  
- Ordinance 2026-6-8(a) for Additional Appropriation for LIT Public Safety Fund \$150,000.00  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes
  
- Ordinance 2026-6-8(b) for Additional Appropriation for Rainy Day Fund \$1,050,000.00  
Adam Lambright Opened Public Hearing, Due to No Comments Adam Lambright Closed to Public Hearing  
Motion to Close Public Hearing: Ray Folk      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes  
Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-6-8(b): Ray Folk      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes

**Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief**

- Side Intake Valves for New Fire Engine - Quotes - Awarded to Elkhart Brass in amount of \$5,382.00 plus shipping  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstain: Adam Lambright
- Mobile Data Software - Quote - Awarded in amount of \$4,189.47  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstain: Adam Lambright
- MES Helmets - Quote - Awarded in amount of \$6,888.00  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstain: Adam Lambright
- Macqueen Boots - Quote - Awarded in amount of \$14,175  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstain: Adam Lambright

#### Town Marshal

- May Reports and Training

#### Town Attorney

- UTV Ordinance - Table till next meeting  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: All Ayes
- Joint Development Committee - Request to Appoint Steve Schrock for JDC Committee  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: All Ayes
- New Building - Appraisers came back and the means of the two is \$1,465,000 - Open Public Hearing in Reducing Amount to Borrow for a Bank Loan of \$265,000  
Adam Lambright Opened Public Hearing, Due to No Comment Adam Lambright Closed Public Hearing  
Motion to Close Public Hearing: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes  
Motion for Bill and Lea to meet and discuss taking out a loan in pursuit of purchase of New Building in up to the amount of \$265,000: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes
- Town Attorney - Request for a conversation with Clerk Treasurer Lea Parks and Janet Alexander with Local Govt Services to see if we have \$265,000 in another Fund  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes

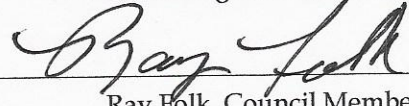
#### Other

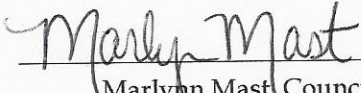
- Harold Gingerich - County Council Senate Bill 1 - Discussion

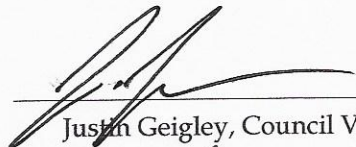
#### Adjournment


- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:28pm  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting June 22, 2026, at 4p.m

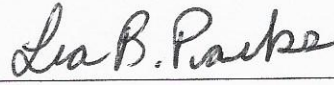
  
Adam Lambright, Council President

  
Ray Folk, Council Member

  
Marlynn Mast, Council Member

  
Justin Geigley, Council Vice President

  
Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST   
Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer